

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph starting at page 10, line 11, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- FIG. 4 shows the large opening cross section of the decanting device according to the invention with the valve plate 3 lifted away from the valve seat. After the flange collar 13 is seated on the edge of a fill opening of the vessel to be filled and so can support the opening movement against the helical spring 7, a largest possible liquid quantity flows out from the flow channel through the section 31 of the support which projects into the vessel to be filled. A high liquid throughput is ensured ~~even~~ also because of the venting introduced into the valve part. --